

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A safety handle for temporary attachment to a pier piling said safety handle comprising:

a base member constructed of a flexible sheet of material, said base member further defined as having a front surface and a back surface bounded by a top edge and a bottom edge with a first and second side edge;

a handgrip secured to said back surface, said handgrip including a photoluminescent material for storing light energy whereby said handgrip will glow in darkness for providing a stationary illuminated support for passengers to grasp while boarding a boat;

a pair of straps connected to said base member, each strap is adapted to extend around a piling and releasably fasten;

whereby said base member is secured to a piling by use of said straps wherein said handgrip is available for use in ~~entry~~ boarding and exiting of a boat.

2. (Original) The safety handle according to claim 1 including wood engaging members positioned along said front surface of said base member.

3. - 6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The safety handle according to claim 1 wherein said ~~strap is~~ pair of straps, each being of a length sufficient to encircle a piling between 6 inches and 20 inches.

8. - 9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) The safety handle according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 7 wherein a proximal end of each said strap is attached to said first edge of said base member with a distal end of each said strap is available for coupling to a quick release fastener coupled to said second edge after said strap is encircled around a piling.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A safety handle for temporary attachment to a pier piling, said safety handle comprising:

a base member constructed of a flexible sheet of material,

said base member further defined as having a front surface and a back surface bounded by a top edge and a bottom edge with a first and second side edge, said front surface adapted to contact a piling;

a handgrip secured to said back surface, said handgrip including a receptacle sized to receive a chemiluminescent light stick, said receptacle made of a material permitting light to shine through for providing an illuminated stationary support for passengers to grasp while boarding a boat whereby said handgrip will glow in darkness;

a pair of straps connected to said base member, each strap is adapted to extend around a piling;

whereby said base member is secured to a piling by use of said straps wherein said handgrip is available for use in ~~entry~~ boarding and exiting of a boat.

13. (Currently amended) The safety handle according to claim 12 including wood engaging ~~members~~ tabs positioned along said front surface of said base member whereby said front surface has a texture adapted to inhibit movement of said base member once attached to a piling.

14. (Currently amended) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member and said hand grip are plastic, said hand grip being translucent.

15. (Previously presented) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member and said hand grip are wood.

16. (Previously presented) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member and said handgrip are integrally formed.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said strap is of a length sufficient to encircle a piling between 6 inches and 20 inches.

19. (Currently amended) The safety handle according to ~~claim 12~~ claim 18 wherein a proximal end of each said strap is attached to said first edge of said base member with a distal end of each said strap is available for coupling to a quick release fastener coupled to said second edge after said strap is encircled around a piling.

20. (New) A safety handle for temporary attachment to a vertical pier piling, said safety handle comprising:

a base member having a textured front surface and a back surface bounded by a top edge and a bottom edge with a first and second side edge, said front surface adapted to contact a piling;

a pair of straps connected to said base member, each strap having a proximal end attached to said first edge of said base member with a distal end of each said strap available for coupling to a quick release fastener coupled to said second edge, each said strap of a length sufficient to encircle a piling between 6 inches and 20 inches and adapted to extend around the piling;

a handgrip secured to said back surface;

whereby said base member is secured to a piling by use of said straps and said textured front surface inhibits movement of said base member once attached to a piling wherein said handgrip is available for use in boarding and exiting of a boat.

21. (New) The safety handle according to claim 20 wherein said base member and said handgrip are integrally formed.